

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. PADDOCK, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

**REPORT:**

[To accompany H. R. 13117.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 13117) granting a pension to Mary J. Best, widow of Nathaniel Best, of Company K, First Maryland Volunteers, and Company K, Thirteenth Maryland Volunteers, have examined the same and report:

The facts in this case, as stated to the House, are as follows:

This claimant is the widow of Nathaniel Best, who enlisted in the First Regiment of Maryland Volunteers. At the time of his death he had a claim pending for a pension, but owing to his removal West he was unable to prove technically the incurrence and continuance of the disability. His widow filed her claim for pension which was rejected by the Department on the ground of absence of testimony proving incurrence of disability in the service, and in the line of duty. The soldier suffered for 15 years from heart disease, and died from it, the disease being the result, as he endeavored to prove, of rheumatism incurred in the line of duty in the construction of military earthworks. The soldier died in absolute want, leaving a widow and six children, at least four of whom are under 14 years of age.

The committee therefore adopt the House report, in which the above facts are stated, and recommend that the bill be passed.